

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Uprising in Guatemala

Anti-Ydigoras elements yesterday attacked several military posts in eastern Guatemala, near the Atlantic coast. Small military units in the area are calling for reinforcements.

[redacted] Beyond this our information is confused and incomplete. At 2300 last night [redacted] Guatemala city described the situation as "serious," but the government's public statements so far do not give this impression. The government claims the rebels are Castroites; reporting to date, however, suggests that they come from a conglomeration of political groups, ranging from the moderate left to the extreme right, whose only common denominator is opposition to Ydigoras.

2. Laos

We have nothing new to report

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3. Frondizi apparently
caves in to military
pressure

The Argentine Foreign Minister told our chargé that Argentina will break relations with Cuba as soon as the UN has completed debate of Cuba's charges against the United States. He said Uruguay would do so simultaneously and that the two countries were trying to persuade Chile to go along as well.

NOTES

- A. Reporting on the French-Algerian negotiations continues highly optimistic; we have as yet seen no rebel response to the quasi-ultimatum in De Gaulle's speech on Monday.
- B. There have been signs recently that Chinese Communist party discipline has suffered severely from economic failures and rapid changes in policy; we suspect the party leadership is now in session to deal with this and such other pressing matters as relations with the USSR.
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- D. The USSR and Guinea are still squabbling over the return of Guinean students in Moscow. 50X1
- E. The Portuguese are now in a flap over Timor ; we doubt, however, that Sukarno will do anything there until the West New Guinea problem is out of the way. 50X1
- F. There have been violent demonstrations in East Pakistan protesting the arrest of former premier Suhrawardy.
- G. Fanfani will probably be asked to form a new government, and will ask parliamentary approval for his new coalition . 50X1
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- H. President Macapagal of the Philippines has accepted an invitation to visit the United States.

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